GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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HOUSING SCHEME FOR SALT WORKERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any housing scheme is being run for salt workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount granted to each worker under this scheme during each of the last three years;

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the amount to Rs.75,000 per worker; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir.Government of India had sanctioned a Central Sector Plan Scheme in the 10th Five Year Plan "Namak Mazdoor Awas Yojana" to provide financial assistance for the construction of dwelling units for the salt workers. All bonafide salt workers who are not owning a house or who have not availed financial assistance from any other scheme for construction of dwelling units are eligible for assistance under this scheme.The cost of each dwelling unit is Rs.50,000/- which includes Rs.10,000/- as cost of infrastructure facilities. 90% financial assistance is extended by the Government of India and balance 10% is met by the beneficiaries/State Governments/ Stakeholders/NGOs, etc.

The outlay for this scheme during the 10th Five Year Plan was Rs.24.75 crore, out of which Government of India's contribution is Rs.22.50 crore.

The amount is released in favour of the State Government concerned who execute work either through N.G.O. or salt workers.

(d)&(e): The on-going scheme is under evaluation.Decision regarding continuation of the scheme, its nature, scope and amount of assistance will be taken after receipt of evaluation report.